

What's New in the MPDC

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CHIEF RAMSEY PRAISES POLICE AND DEMONSTRATORS FOLLOWING WEEKEND OF PEACEFUL PROTEST

Chief Ramsey issued the following statement this weekend at the conclusion of an extended weekend of peaceful protest in DC: "I want to publicly thank all of the people involved in this past weekend's events – protestors and police officers alike – for helping to ensure a series of very passionate, but mostly peaceful events. The large number of demonstrators and the variety of causes they represented created unique challenges for everyone involved. That this many people could come together and peacefully exercise their First Amendment rights is a testament to the professionalism of our police officers and the commitment of the demonstrators and their organizers. The entire Metropolitan Police force worked 12-hour shifts throughout the extended weekend. While many had assignments at the demonstration sites, the vast majority were on neighborhood patrols. Our department received tremendous support from many other police agencies in the region, including US Capitol, US Park, Uniformed Division of the US Secret Service, FBI, Maryland State, Virginia State, Arlington County, Fairfax County, Montgomery County, Metro Transit and US Mint police, among others. A number of DC government agencies – Emergency Management, Transportation, Public Works and Fire/EMS – also contributed to the success of the operation. Major events, such as last weekend's in the District, test the mettle of not just one agency or individual. They test the character and cooperation of many different people and organizations. As last weekend demonstrated once again, our region continues to be blessed with superb public safety professionals who are dedicated to working with one another and with the people who use our services."

Each year hundreds of special events are held in DC. Residents and organizations planning a special event are required to obtain permits. Learn more about the permit process and access copies of the various forms at:

mpdc.dc.gov/serv/events/events.shtm

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ Chief Ramsey's regular monthly "Ask the Chief" appearance on WTOP radio is scheduled for Thursday, May 2, at 10 am. Get more information, or submit an e-mail question for the Chief ahead of time, by going to:
www.wtopnews.com
- ◆ The District is hosting the 7th Annual Leadership Conference of the National Center for Women & Policing, at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill. More information is available at:
www.womenandpolicing.org/

DC LAUNCHES "VINE" PROGRAM: VICTIM INFORMATION AND NOTIFICATION EVERYDAY

Community groups interested in more information about VINE can order free brochures in English and Spanish, as well as videos and posters, by calling the DOC VINE coordinator at 202-671-2138.

DC officials this week announced a practical, new tool to enhance victim services and public safety efforts. VINE – Victim Information and Notification Everyday – is an automated information and notification service for crime victims in the DC area. Managed by the DC Department of Corrections, VINE provides victims of crime, victim advocates, law enforcement agencies

and concerned citizens with the latest information about the custody of offenders or changes in case status. VINE monitors the status of offenders in the DC Jail, Correctional Treatment Facility, and halfway houses overseen by DOC (VINE does not confirm custody for offenders who are booked at MPD or other police facilities). The service is available in both English and Spanish. By calling a 24-hour, toll-free number – 1-877-329-7894 – crime victims and other concerned citizens can learn the current custody status of an offender. For registered users, VINE provides automatic notification by phone of the release, transfer, or escape of the offender. The service is free, anonymous and confidential. Learn more at:

Crime victims in DC have a wide range of rights and resources available to them. Learn more at:

mpdc.dc.gov/serv/victims/victims.shtm

www.vineco.com

TRAFFIC PATTERNS TO CHANGE AROUND MPDC, DMV AND COURT BUILDINGS

Traffic patterns around the downtown headquarters of the MPDC, the DC Department of Motor Vehicles and DC Superior Court are changing. C Street, NW, will become one-way eastbound between 3rd Street and the Canadian Embassy (about where 4th Street would be), and angled parking will be introduced. C Street will remain two-way from this point to 6th Street, NW. In addition, Indiana Avenue, NW, between 5th and 6th Streets, will become one-way eastbound. The changes are scheduled to be implemented over the weekend of April 27-28, weather permitting. The work includes removing existing markings and signs, moving meters,

Metropolitan Police Headquarters – the Henry J. Daly Building – houses most of the MPDC's administrative units. At headquarters, individuals can retrieve copies of police and traffic crash reports and obtain police clearances, among other services. Learn more about Police Headquarters by going to:

mpdc.dc.gov/about/about/headquarters.shtm

Get additional traffic alert and street closure information at:

mpdc.dc.gov/info/traffic/streetclosures.shtm

placing new markings and signs and adjusting traffic signals. Read the news release from the District Division of Transportation at:

mpdc.dc.gov (Click on News Room)

Information, ideas or comments about this service?

E-mail Kevin Morison, MPDC's Director of Corporate Communications, at kevin.morison@dc.gov.

Would you like to have this information emailed to you? Just go to our web site and register with crimereports.com.

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